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Richard Butt (rlbutt@compumedia.com) writes:

If this is improper use of the response form please let me know!

Rulemaking No. 8775

It is my position that since phones are never dialed-up there can be no charge for service. I believe that the law as it now exists states that the phones must be dial-ed up and answered in order to be billed.

This is nothing more than an attempt to regulate more of the internet and restrict free trade.

I feel there is to many goverment reuglations already let the market bare what it will.

Thank You,
Richard Butt

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Norm Young (nyoung@chatlink.com) writes:

Dear Chairman Hundt,

Re: Rulemaking No. 8775 (FCC's response to America's Carriers Telecommunication Association's petition of March 4, 1996 to restrict the use of telephony products on the Internet.)

I am alarmed by the willingness of the FCC to strangle one of the newest industries on the Internet...the software products that allow ordinary citizens to use the Internet to provide voice long distance services. I am completely amazed how well this technology works (more reliable than the phone network) and how incredibly cheap it is compared to standard long distance rates. as a matter of fact, I'm so amazed at the price difference that I'm tempted to think that the FCC has been complicit with the large long-distance companies in a scheme to keep long distance rates artificially high! I am especially amazed, considering considering what you, Mr. Hunt have said about the virtues of competition in your the recently past Telecomm Bill:

"The new law is based on competition. The goal is to let anyone enter any communications business -- to let any communications business compete in any market against any other. In the communications field, to paraphrase the President, the era of big government is over -- at least the era of big government management of state-supported monopolies is over. Competition can bring more choices, better quality services, and lower prices."

Your agency's narrow response time required (comments accepted until April 8, 1996) and it's lack of a clearly set out _Internet_ email address for comments smells strongly of an attempt to engage in undemocratic policies.

Finally, consider, if the FCC tries to ban the use of software telephony products, it will not stop the adoption of these technologies...it will just drive those software companies out of our country and the use of the software underground. It's far too good of fit with the emerging ubiquitous computer network to just go away.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Norm Young
Oregon, USA

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Patricia B. Cerrito (pbcerr01@homer.louisville.edu) writes:

This is in response to rule#8775. Technological advances are driving a new world of technology. There is no way to stop it. However, it appears that the long- distance carriers are attempting to stop the force by banning software which would permit direct voice communication over the internet. Instead of attempting to ban it, the phone companies should develop innovations of their own. I realize that they are fighting for their very existence since the internet is cheaper to use than the phone. However, a ban will only postpone the inevitable. The sooner the phone companies realize that, the better off they will be. If they succeed in banning the software officially, it will be distributed via freeware and shareware ultimately anyway. There are better ways to deal with the issue than to attempt to stop the waves of technology.

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Patrick Parker (pharmacy@maroon.tc.umn.edu) writes:

Whether or not you've addressed what I'm talking about or not in your column above (I didn't read the column) I want to make my viewpoint clear and known

First, what am I going to talk about is below.

- > The FCC may begin deliberations soon on whether to regulate Internet phones,
- > something that has a group of small long-distance carriers pleased and Internet
- > watchdogs worried.
- > > May 8 is the deadline for comments to the Federal Communications
- > Commission regarding regulation of Internet phone usage, and two
- > congressional staffers were recently quoted saying they thought the commission
- > should look into the matter. Although the FCC hasn't officially decided whether
- > to review the situation, Robert McDowell, an attorney for the America's Carriers
- > Telecommunication Association, in Casselberry, Fla., said he was pleased with
- > the direction in which things are going.

Quick and to the point, this is NOT an area for you and your agency to begin regulating and placing your oversized, majority swayed hands into. This is a technology clearly in a pre-infancy stage and to attempt to decide on the possibility of making decisions governing a facet of the internet is more than irritating. I foresee that the Communications Decency act is the first step in a long twisted ugly road of useless and empty laws and regulations.

There are thousands of crimes and frauds going on throughout the communications industry that ought to be concentrated on before you attempt to place another law and regulation on a worldwide network.

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Clint Schultz (cschultz@packet.net) writes:

DON'T ban the use of internet phone services. Let the system grow and develop.
Those who want to ban it only want to line their own pockets with added income which they derive from the long distance services they provide. If the technology can develop to use the internet in this way, great! Let technology do it. That's what keeps us on the cutting edge of technology and keeps the US the leader in developing capabilities.

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Scott Jeffrey (bjeffrey@a.crl.com) writes:

Why is the FCC getting ready to regulate internet phone. Finally there is a way for regular consumers to communicate long distance without going broke and you guys are going to mess things up by getting involved. The last thing we need is more regulation. If Telcos cannot compete, why not let them go the way of the dodo bird. Things are changing and people and companies need to change with them. Surely some of these telcos can adapt. Every one knows that when the government gets involved in these things, the consumer always suffers. Can't you guys leave it alone and let evolution take its course. Please... this is going to change the future how people communicate. By the way, how would you guys stop us from using it anyway? Would you outlaw private citizens from having internet access?
People are going to do this no matter what..

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Clinton Turland (turland@earthlink.net) writes:

The new law is based on competition. The goal is to let anyone enter any communications business -- to let any communications business compete in any market against any other. In the communications field, to paraphrase the President, the era of big government is over -- at least the era of big government management of state-supported monopolies is over.

Competition can bring more choices, better quality services, and lower prices.

Please don't allow ACTA destroy our goals !!!!!!!!!!!

By restricting the use of internet phone services, or imposing an internet tax on ISPs. All devices on the internet are all ready regulated by the FCC the computers and peripherals, the long distance providers it uses. Please help fight ACTA, They are just lobbying for a few small long distance carriers profits, and not for the People of the United States of America or the world.

Thank-you

Clint Turland private citizen not a lobbyist.

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